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1. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, IN A BRIEF STATEMENT JANUARY 26
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ON OCCASION OF DECLARATION HIS UNOPPOSED ELECTION TO A

FIVE-YEAR TERM, PLEDGED TO FOLLOW THE LEGACY OF
LATE PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND TO CONTINUE HIS WORK
AND STRUGGLES. KYPRIANOU ADDRESSED PART OF HIS
MESSAGE TO TURKISH CYPRIOTS, SAYING THAT THEY WERE
REGARDED AS EQUAL CITIZENS, AND THAT THE REAL

ADVERSARY IS "TURKISH EXPANSIONISM AND FOREIGN INTERVENTION." HE STATED THAT GOC WAS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO NEW TALKS PROVIDED THAT TURKISH SIDE PRESENTED CONCRETE AND COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS. AT SAME TIME, HE NOTED, GOC EQUALLY PREPARED TO THE "LONG STRUGGLE."

2. EDITORIALS IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS ENDORSED KYPRIANOU'S ELECTION WHILE NOTING HE FACES NUMEROUS CHALLENGES. PHILELEFTHEROS SAID THE WORK OF MR. KYPRIANOU MUST BE SUPPORTED, BUT THAT CRITICISM, IF NECESSARY, WAS ALSO CONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENT OF DEMOCRACY. CONSERVATIVE SIMERINI CALLED ON KYPRIANOU, WHO HAS THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE PEOPLE, TO LIVE UP TO THEIR EXPECTATIONS BY TAKING BOLD POLITICAL DECISIONS SO THAT HE COULD LEAD THE PEOPLE AND NOT APPEAR SIMPLY AS HEAD OF STATE. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI PLEDGED THAT AKEL AND THE POPULAR MOVEMENT WOULD STAND DECISIVELY BY SIDE OF THE PRESIDENT, IN THE STRUGGLE TO RID CYPRUS OF THE TURKISH ATTLA AND FOREIGN ARMIES.

3. TFSC "PRESIDENT" DENKTASH, ON OTHER HAND, WAS NOT NEARLY SO ELATED BY KYPRIANOU'S ACCESSION TO A FULL TERM. SAID DENKTASH, "THE SELF-PROCLAIMED TILE ADOPTED BY MR. KYPRIANOU IS OF NO CONCERN TO UNCLASSIFIED

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US. ONCE HE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY HE COULD WELL HAVE PROCLAIMED HIMSELF AS EMPOROR OF BYZANTIUM." DENKTASH WENT ON TO STATE THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WOULD VIEW KYPRIANOU ONLY AS "LEADER OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY LIVING IN SOUTH CYPRUS. NOBODY CAN BE PRESIDENT OF THE WHOLE OF CYPRUS BEFORE THE TWO COMMUNITIES ESTABLISH AN AGREED PARTNERSHIP GOVERNMENT."

4. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL PELAGHIAS LET DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS KNOW JANUARY 27 THAT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES ON KYPRIANOU'S ELECTION ARE EXPECTED.
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